A SHORT BRIEFING
ON THE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

PARKS CANADA, YORK AND MARKHAM

Presented to York Council by Regional Councillor Jack Heath (2022.11.10)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MOU (1)

Background

a) Benefit to residents in Markham and York
b) What does “urban” mean in “National Urban Park?”

Governance

a) Establishment of *Parks Canada, York and Markham Collaboration Committee*

Communications

a) Working together

Park Boundaries

a) Transfer of lands to RNUP
b) Potential expansion of Park

Affiliated Municipal Greenspaces

a) A special connection of Markham’s natural areas and parks to RNUP

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MOU (2)

Municipal Services - York & Markham

a) The norm
b) Seamless

Funding Opportunities

a) Advancing the Park's development

Planning

a) Planning coordination
b) In and around the Park - the Markham Gateway
c) "Street-level" bylaws

Houses and Other Buildings

a) Working with Heritage Markham

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MOU (3)

Stewardship of Community Assets and Lands

a) Several properties, especially the Locust Hill Train Station and Cedarena

Agriculture

a) Agri-tourism

Recreation

a) Welcome Facility
b) Trail connections (Markham Rouge Valley Trail, South York Greenway)

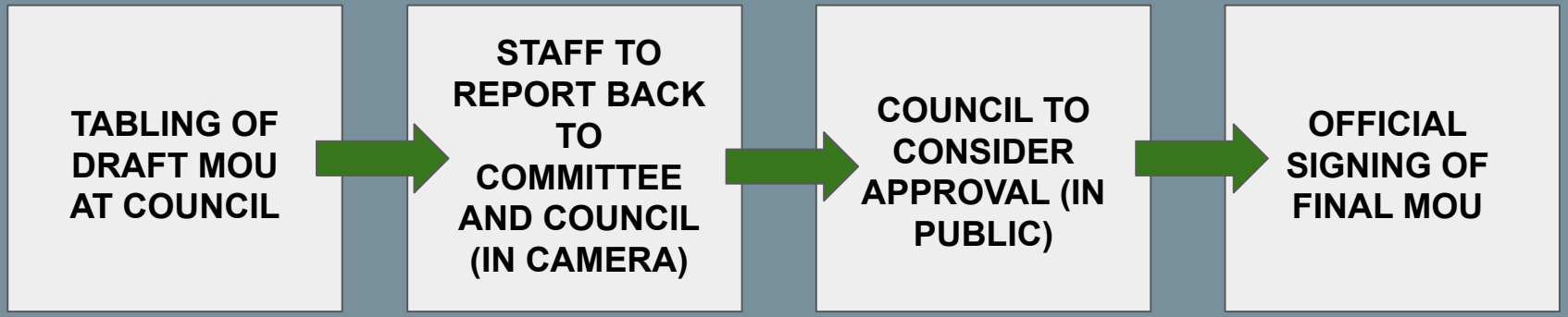
Infrastructure

a) Roads-in-the-Park strategy
b) Pedestrian crossings
c) Protection for York and Markham

Tourism

a) Working together

THE PROCESS



THE MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the confidential draft Memorandum of Understanding between Parks Canada, York and Markham be received and referred to staff for a report and recommendations, and that it also be forwarded to Markham.